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1. BUILDING ON THE PUBLIC COMMENTS OF PRIME MINISTER ARIAS AND FOREIGN MINISTER AREILZA (REFTELS), SPANISH MEDIA CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE LINE THAT THE NEW SPANISH GOVT WILL WIN IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS WHEN THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS ARE RENEWED IN WASHINGTON LATER THIS MONTH. VARIOUS REPORTS ALSO PREDICT THAT THE SECRETARY WILL VISIT MADRID LATE IN JANUARY.

2. THE OFFICIAL SPANISH WIRE SERVICE (EFE) CARRIES A REPORT DATED JAN 8, WASHINGTON, WHICH ATTRIBUTES TO THE STATE DEPT THE REPORT THAT THE SECRETARY IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO VISIT SPAIN APPROXIMATELY JAN 28 FOR DISCUSSIONS ON
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THE BASE AGREEMENT. OTHER REPORTS HAVE THE SECRETARY

COMING TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.

3. THE JAN 9 EDITION OF "ARRIBA" (VOICE OF THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT) CONTAINS A FULL-PAGE STORY EMPHASIZING THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE RENEWED NEGOTIATIONS IS TO IMPROVE IN ALL RESPECTS--POLITICALLY, FINANCIALLY AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY--THE EXISTING AGREEMENTS. THIS STORY CLAIMS THAT THE SECRETARY ACCEPTED THE GENERAL OUTLINES OF THESE IMPROVEMENTS WHEN THEY WERE SET FORTH TO HIM BY AREILZA IN DECEMBER.

4. THE VARIOUS REPORTS ON THE RENEWAL OF THE NEGOTIATIONS FOCUS ON ADDITIONAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE, A TREATY, AND A QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENT IN HLE RELATIONSHIP AS PRINCIPAL CONCESSIONS BEING SOUGHT, WHILE ALLOWING THAT THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT WILL BE RESPECTED.
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